LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of preventing and/or treating hearing loss comprising administering a heterocyclic derivative of formula

diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or combinations thereof,

wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical wherein R' is a heterocycloalkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;

the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;

 R_1 and R_2 are independently, a hydrogen atom or an $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl radical, or R_1 and R_2 form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein R is -C(O)R'.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein R' is an alkyl radical.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein R is -C(O)-CH₃.

- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein R is hydrogen.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula

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11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula

- 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) is administered in a pre-treatment.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) is administered in a post-treatment.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative is administered following the administration of a medicament.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the medicament includes anticancer drugs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, diuretics, antiulceratives, anticonvulsant agents, or combinations thereof.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the medicament is an antibiotic.

- 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method prevents and/or treats hearing loss following presbycusis.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method prevents and/or treats hearing loss following an acoustic traumatism.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the compound (I) is administered in the 7 hours following the acoustic traumatism.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) is combined with at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound (I) is administered in combination with at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity which is able to prevent and/or treat hearing loss or to prevent and/or treat any pathologies associated with hearing loss.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The method of one of claims 21 or 22, wherein the other substance with pharmaceutical activity includes: antioxidants, calpain inhibitors, peripheral vasodilitators, agonists or antagonists of the NMDA receptor, peptide inhibitors of c-Jun N-terminal kinase or combinations thereof.
- 24. (Previously Presented) A product comprising
- (A) a heterocyclic derivative of formula (I):

diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or combinations thereof,

wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical wherein R' is a heterocycloalkyl, (C_1-C_6) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;

the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;

 R_1 and R_2 are independently, a hydrogen atom or an $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl radical, or R_1 and R_2 form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle; and

- (B) at least one substance with therapeutic activity.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said method prevents and/or treats hearing loss following the administration of a medicament.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein said method prevents and/or treats hearing loss following the administration of an antibiotic.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said method prevents and/or treats hearing loss following presbycusis.

- 28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said method prevents and/or treats hearing loss following an acoustic traumatism.
- 29. (Previously Presented) A medicament comprising the product as defined in claim 24.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the derivative (I) is administered in the hour following the acoustic traumatism.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 24, wherein said product is in a form suitable for administration simultaneously, separately or spread over time in order to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.